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And I will come near to you to Judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of Hosts.—Malachi, III, 5.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 1875.

## The Tenure of Office of the Circuit Judges.

The News and Courier has raised an important question in reference to the term of office of Judges elected to fill out the unexpired terms of their predecessors. Judge Carpenter was elected December, 1872; Judge Cooke January, 1873; Judge Reed December, 1874, and Judge Shaw January, 1875—all elected to fill vacancies caused by death or resignation of office, and for the unexpired term of those whom they succeeded.

By the constitution the circuit judges are elected for the term of four years, and it is claimed these judges hold office for four years from the time of their election. The News and Courier advances, in support of its position, the decision of the State Supreme Court which declares that every election is to fill a vacancy, no matter how arising; that "the person elected to fill a vacancy does not succeed to the unexpired portion of the term of his predecessor," but holds by a determinate tenure prescribed by the Constitution; and that "no matter how the office becomes vacant, the party elected to succeed to it is not in as the mere locum tenens, only supplying the term of the person who last presided in it."

We have taken pains to get the opinion of our local lawyers on this subject, and find them almost unanimous in the support of this position.

Messrs. Glover & Glover referred us to the following cases establishing the tenure of office in South Carolina, determined in the Constitutional Court of this State, by D. J. McCord, Reporter:

**State vs. Jeter.**—The tenure by which an office is held does not depend upon the commission which the Governor may think proper to give. It is only evidence of the appointment. The tenure must depend upon the provisions of the act creating the office, or upon the Constitution.—1 McCord, 233.

**State vs. Ephraim Lyles.**—A person elected Ordinary under the act of 1812, which limits the duration of office to four years, is in under the Constitution, and is entitled to hold his office during good behavior, although commissioned only for four years.—1 McCord, 238.

**State vs. W. M. Hutson.**—Ordinary, by the third article of the Constitution of this State, are judicial officers, and hold their office during good behavior; and when the Governor, under the act of 1815, appointed an ordinary to fill a vacancy, although the act authorizes him only to make a temporary appointment until an election shall take place, yet the ordinary being in office, he is in under the Constitution, and hold during good behavior.—1 McCord, 240.

**State vs. Thomas McClintock.**—By the Constitution the Sheriffs hold their offices for the term of four years; and when the Governor, under the act of 1808, appointed a sheriff to fill a vacancy until an election should take place, such sheriff, being in office in under the Constitution, and holds his office for four years.—1 McCord 245.

**MISPLACED CONFIDENCE.**—Mr. P. M. Hutto, of Graham's Station, S. C., don't "read the papers," and while traveling from his home on Monday towards Augusta on the South Carolina Railroad, considered it a favor when a newsboy introduced him to George Clark, an oily-tongued confidence man. The gentleman from the pine wilds of Orangeburg county became fascinated with his new acquaintance, and after a stroll around the streets, they proceeded to a hotel selected by Clark. The pair retired to bed about 10 P. M., and two hours after Hutto awoke to the realizing sense of being a loser to the extent of \$213 in money and \$75 worth in jewelry, which Clark had abstracted from under his head. The police were notified, but Clark, better known to them as Hendricks Clark, had made good his escape to South Carolina, via Hamburg.—Augusta Constitutionalist.

## Neighbors' Thistle.

A person was once walking with a farmer through a beautiful field when he happened to see a tall thistle on the other side of the fence. In a second, over the fence he jumped, and cut it off close to the ground. "Is that your field?" asked his companion. "O, no!" said the farmer, "bad weeds do not care much for fences, and it I should leave that thistle to blossom in my neighbor's field I should soon have a plenty of my own."

Evil weeds in your neighbor's field will scatter seeds of evil in your own, therefore, every weed pulled up in your neighbor's field is a dangerous enemy driven off from your own. No one liveth or dieth to himself. All are linked together.

Sages of old contended that no sin was ever committed whose consequences rested on the head of sinner alone; that no man could do ill and his fellows not suffer. They illustrated it thus: "A vessel sailing from Joppa carried a passenger, who beneath his berth, cut a hole through the ship's side. When the men of the watch expostulated with him, 'What does't thou, O, miserable man!' the offender calmly replied, 'What matters it to you? The hole I have made lies under my own berth.'"

This ancient parable is worthy of the utmost consideration. No man perishes alone in his iniquity; no man can guess the full consequences of his transgression.

**Who CAN COUNT THE STARS?**—Did you ever try to count the stars? I used to try to do so myself, but somehow I always fell asleep before I could get through, and when I woke up I could not tell where I left off. I am told, though, that it has been done, and that there are only about eight thousand visible to the naked eye. Don't they make a great show for a number no larger than that? But the Raven tells me that his master, the Astronomer, says that those we can see with our eyes alone are but a very trifle compared with the number that he can see through his telescope. He says, instance, that there are eighteen million of stars in the Milky Way. Now it's of no use! can't even think of such a number as that. My head is n't big enough to hold them.—"Jack-in-the Pulpit," St. Nicholas for Oct.

Posthumous fame is a plant of tardy growth, for our body must be the seed of it; or we may liken it to a torch, which nothing but the last spark of life can light up; or we may compare it to the trumpet of the archangel, for it is blown over the dead; but unlike that awful blast, it is of earth not of heaven, and can neither rouse nor raise us.

Fear debilitates and lowers, but hope animates and revives; therefore rulers and magistrates should attempt to operate on the minds of their respective subjects, if possible, by reward rather than punishment. And this principle will be strengthened by another consideration; he that is punished or rewarded, while he falls or rises in the estimation of others, cannot fail to do so likewise in his own.

The martyrs to vice, far exceed the martyrs to virtue, both in endurance and number. So blinded are we by our passions, that we suffer more to be damned than to be saved.

# ONLY BIG SHOW EVER SOUTH, ORANGEBURG, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1875. HAS NO EQUAL--NO RIVAL.

**50,000 Challenge!**  
—THAT—  
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**CREAT LONDON CIRCUS,**  
SANGERS' ENGLISH MENAGERIE  
OF TRAINED ANIMALS.  
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IRQUOIS INDIAN TROUPE,  
Owns and daily exhibits the  
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Viz:—CHIEFTAIN, EMPEROR, MANDRIE, SULTAN and VICTORIA.

All performing in the ring at the same time, the most wonderful feats ever seen, just as represented on bills, programmes, etc. Trained and performed by Prof. Craven.

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HOWES' GREAT LONDON CIRCUS,  
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—Owns and only exhibits the—  
ONLY GROUP OF FIVE ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS

In the world and performed in the ring at same time. Trained and performed by Herr Still.

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That Howes' Great London Circus owns and daily exhibits the only Potomac in America

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That at HOWES' GREAT LONDON CIRCUS, Mlle. Cordelia, the Equestrian Phenomenon of the age—"Queen of the Arena" will positively appear at each performance.

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That Sangers' English Menagerie of Trained Animals, exhibition in connection with Howes' Great London Circus, has the best collection of Living Wild Animals ever exhibited South of the Ohio river.

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That Howes' Great London Circus, has the best Zoological Lecturer, (Prof. Ellington) from H. B. M. Zoological Gardens, London, in America

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That the proprietors of Howes' Great London Circus has imported into the United States more Elephants than any other concern in America.

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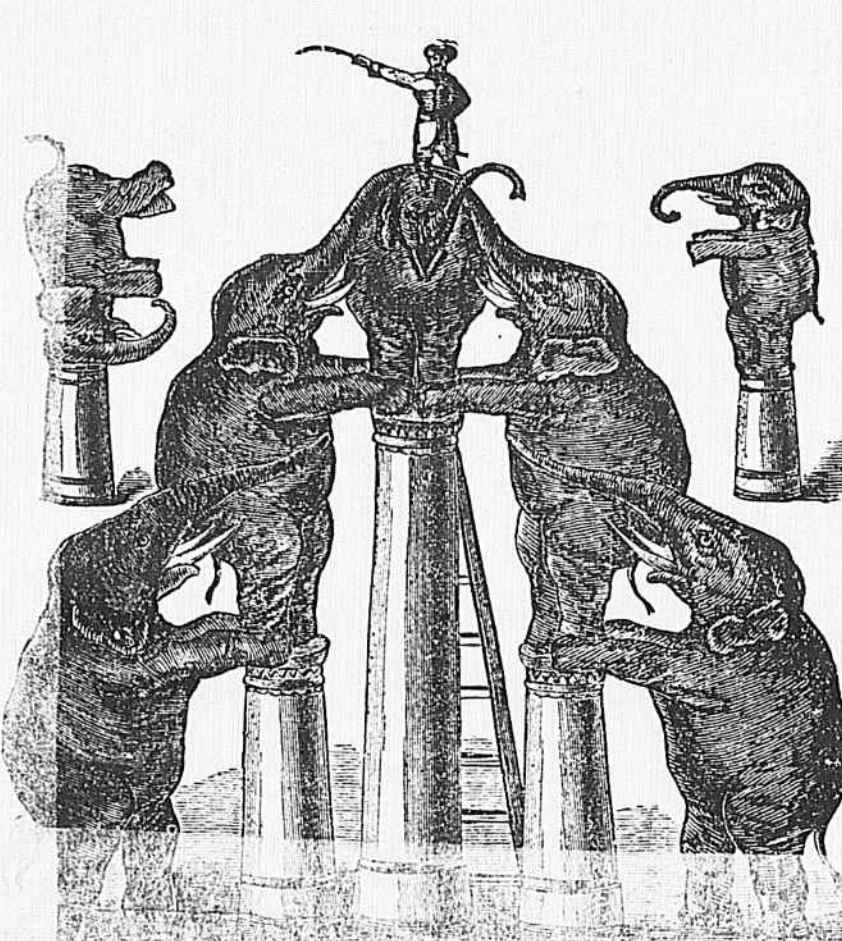
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**Finest Teas,**  
ever offered in this market, consisting of  
**UNCOLORED JAPAN OOLONGS,**  
**SOUCHONGS,**  
**YOUNG HYSONS,**  
and  
**GUNPOWDERS,**  
And in order to cultivate a trade for these fine grades I will sell them  
**VERY LOW.**

I have also received this morning another car-load of  
**Solomon's Fancy Flour**  
Fresh ground and Made especially for me from the  
**Finest Selected Wheat,**  
I have never had a complaint of this brand of flour.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**  
Inferior KEROSENE OIL is so dangerous and so many accidents have occurred from its use, I have been induced, at the repeated solicitation of my customers, to purchase a supply of pure Oil for their use. I have just received ten barrels of

**PURE WHITE KEROSENE**  
Of 124 fire test. I will sell this Pure Oil cheaper than the same grade of Oil can be sold at in this city. Families using this Oil are safe. The use of the common Oils now

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I have also received:  
10 Tierces Fresh Cured Davis' Hams,  
10 Boxes Cream Cheese, direct from the Dairy,  
25 Firkins Goshen Butter, direct from the Dairy, which has all the freshness and flavor of the flowers.

5 Tierces of Baltimore Sugar-Cured Strips,  
10 Barrels of Extra Mess Mackerel, averaging twenty ounces.  
25 Sacks Laguayra Coffee, equal to Java.  
50 Sacks of assorted Rio, by last Rio steamer.

With a full supply of  
**CHOICE GROCERIES.**  
Fresh and Good.

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